

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the after final amendment filed 04/26/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                     |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance             |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-3 were cancelled.
2. Claims 4-30 were examined.

### ***Examiner's Amendment***

3 An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

- Claim 8, line 3, the phrase -- of the -- was deleted.
- Claim 8, line 5, after "with", the article, "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 8, line 5, after "or", the article, "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 9, line 1, after "which", the article "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 9, line 3, after "to", the article "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 10, line 2, after "reduce", the article "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 10, line 4, after "determination of", the article was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 10, line 4, after "reduction of", article "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 18, line, 1, after "which", the article -- the -- was deleted.
- Claim 23, line 3, the phrase -- of the -- was deleted.
- Claim 23, line 5, after "is" the article -- the -- was deleted.
- Claim 23, line 5, after "with", the article, "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 23, line 5, after "or", the article, "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 24, line 1, after "which", the article, "the" was changed to -- a -- .

- Claim 24, line 3, after "to", the article "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 24, line 5, after "from", the article "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 25, line 2, after "reduce" the article "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 25, line 3, after "of" the article "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 26, line 3, after "by" the article "the" was changed to -- a -- .
- Claim 30, line, 1, after "which", the article -- the -- was deleted.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mr. Tom Stevens whose telephone number is 571-272-3715, Monday-Friday (7:00 am- 4:30 pm EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, please contact examiner's supervisor Mr. Anthony Knight 571-272-3687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Knight', is positioned above the printed name.

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